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Dear Harold:

I hope the enclosed accumulation of clips makes sense. At one time or another every item seemed of interest.

And as you can see, Howard's book finally got reviewed (I'm sending him a copy). It was written before Schweiker got drawn into the Sears-Reagan flame, and perhaps I should have inserted a paragraph about that disaster before the Sun went to press, but I somehow felt it was more effective this way, to leave Schweiker's flirting with Ford stand on its own feet; somehow it's more effective that way.

Thanks very much for all the good stuff you've been sending, with prominent mention of the Esquire thing by Taylor Branch on Rogovin. Extremely interesting. Among the clips you've been sending have been several small items about Nixon, Korff, and related things, and you have no idea how useful they are. Very little of this small stuff appears out here, and the Times often ignores it as too trivial. Yet these are the items which usually fill in a chronology as nothing else does to suggest a pattern that makes sense where nothing else does.

I note you mention somewhere that in some cases you are getting extra copies of the Post in order to provide some of these clips. We hope you won't do that unless it's something obviously important about Nixon which is too large to copy. We really are trying to cut down on our filing work and do not ourselves clip more than a tenth of what we used to except with respect to Nixon and Watergate. And these are largely to round out the file and wind up angles which have been left hanging. The point is, we don't want to you to go to the bother and expense of getting extra copies of the Post unless something unquestionably essential is involved, and then only if there's no other way to handle it, such as sending a clip here to be copied and returned. We're grateful, very grateful for your determination to help, especially under the circumstances, but the last thing we want to do is to add to your problems. Therefore the sensible thing for you to do is to go to no trouble whatever on our behalf. In other words, if something you think would interest us is on the other side of something you need, forget it unless, as I say, it is obviously essential, in which case handle it the least expensive and troublesome way you can.

We are making a real effort to cut down here. Jenifer has worked under self- mposed pressure far too long and hard, being the conscientious sort who cannot let anything go undone or half-done. Somehow we have to find a way to begin living a little now and then, and the only way to do that is to do it, and we're trying. So if you have to forego sending us something you normally would send, don't worry. We won't miss it if we don't know about it.

Your recent letters have indicated new physical and other difficulties which make things even harder for you. Don't let us add to them. That would be the last thing we'd want.

Take care of yourselves, both of you.

Best,

Jim

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